

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
April 27, 2010
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Martha Kelly, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent
Fred Baruzzi

Absent: Holly Matthews, Min Lin

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Policy Committee: Ms. Patwa presented the draft MBOE Accountability and Transparency Policy. Adoption will be at the May 6, 2010 meeting. Goodwin Bequest Committee: Mrs. Kelly reported the committee met to review applications for funding and status on current funded activities. The next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 4:00pm. EASTCONN Executive Board: Mrs. Paulhus reported she attended the recent meeting and shared plans for a new building in Hampton.

SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT:

- Mansfield Education Association: Representatives of the MEA answered questions from Board Members.
- Mansfield Administrators' Association: The administrators discussed pros and cons of the various options of the school building project and answered questions from Board Members.
- Educational Benefits Pros/Cons: Board Members reviewed and discussed the options.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Phase II: Race to the Top: Mr. Baruzzi discussed Connecticut's application for Phase II of the Race to the Top (RTTT) grant, a competitive education reform program enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).
- Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding – Mr. Baruzzi discussed the state Supreme Court's ruling on education funding.
- Racial Statistics – Mr. Baruzzi presented the districts summary of racial statistics.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded Ms. Patwa that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of April 15, 2010 be approved or received for the record: **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the April 15, 2010 Board meeting.

HEARING FOR VISITORS:

Jennifer Caniera, 38 Candide Lane, regarding the proposed PreK-4 Community School.

Bill Caniera, 38 Candide Lane, regarding the proposed PreK-4 Community School.

Debra Adamczyk, Principal Goodwin School, regarding Board discussion to gather more information on school building sites.

Amy Lapsis, 107 Candide Lane, regarding Board discussion on school building project options.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mr. LaPlaca requested discussion of Educational Cost Sharing grant.

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations at 10:45pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adjourn at 11:35pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk